

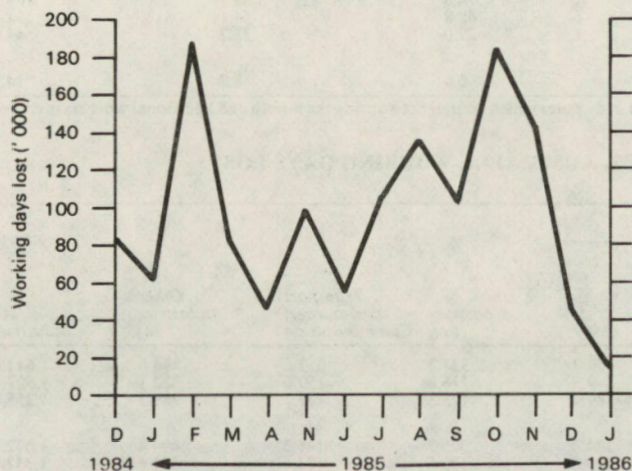
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, AUSTRALIA, JANUARY 1986

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MAIN FEATURES



In January 1986, 14,900 working days were lost by 8,200 workers in 82 disputes. This is the lowest number of working days lost in any month since December 1967 when 13,800 working days were lost. The 1,208,700 working days lost in the 12 months ended January 1986 was the lowest for a 12 month period since the 12 months ended April 1969 when 1,074,400 working days were lost.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Coverage

The statistics relate only to disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more *at the establishments where the stoppages occurred*.

2. The figures of working days lost relate to the losses due to industrial disputes (as defined in paragraph 4) and not to aggregate losses for the economy as a whole. Details shown in this publication refer to all disputes in progress during the reference period indicated.

3. The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled mainly from data obtained from employers (both private and government) and trade unions concerning individual disputes and from reports of government authorities. Particulars of some stoppages (for example, those involving a large number of establishments) may have been estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving only a broad measure of the extent of industrial disputes (as defined).

Definitions

4. For these statistics an *industrial dispute* is defined as a withdrawal from work by a group of employees or a refusal by an employer or a number of employers to permit some or all of their employees to work, each withdrawal or refusal being made in order to enforce a demand, to resist a demand, or to express a grievance.

5. *Workers involved* include workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are those thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but who are not themselves parties to the dispute.

6. Differences between monthly and annual totals of workers involved can occur due to temporary cessations of stoppages that resume in subsequent months. Workers re-involved in this type of dispute are included in the monthly totals.

7. *Working days lost* refer to man-days lost by workers directly and indirectly involved in the dispute and figures are generally as reported by parties to the dispute. For some disputes working days lost are estimated on the basis of the number of workers involved and the duration of the dispute.

8. *Working days lost per 1,000 employees* have been compiled from those lost by workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more in the establishments where the stoppages occurred. Working days lost in agriculture, etc. and in private households employing staff have been *excluded* from Tables 4 and 5 but *included* in Tables 1 to 3.

9. The estimates of employees are obtained from the Labour Force survey.

Other ABS publications

10. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

Industrial Disputes, Australia (6322.0)—*issued annually, contains more detailed information including statistics on the cause, method of settlement and duration of industrial disputes.*

Labour Statistics, Australia, 1984 (6101.0) (\$4.50, \$6.50 incl. postage)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—*issued monthly (\$1.20, \$2.10 incl. postage)*

11. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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13. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost ('000)
	Commenced in period	Total(a)	Newly involved(b)	Total(a)	
1983	1,779	1,787	453.0	470.5	1,641.4
1984	1,958	1,965	553.1	562.3	1,307.4
1985	1,826	1,841	549.0	566.9	1,255.2
Twelve months ended—					
January 1984	1,761	1,788	442.8	465.3	1,572.2
1985	1,987	1,998	564.5	565.9	1,332.4
1986	1,790	1,818	529.4	534.3	1,208.7
1985—					
February r	161	189	46.6	51.5	187.3
March	148	167	42.1	48.7	84.5
April	105	123	24.6	29.3	46.4
May	134	153	64.8	70.3	98.4
June r	134	156	28.5	34.7	57.3
July	205	229	54.2	60.3	109.8
August	176	210	72.2	96.4	136.3
September	171	192	38.3	60.7	103.3
October r	204	224	74.3	82.2	184.2
November r	174	198	48.8	54.1	141.7
December	103	117	29.0	32.2	44.8
1986—					
January	75	82	6.0	8.2	14.9

(a) Refers to all disputes in progress during the period. (b) Comprises workers involved in disputes which commenced during the month and additional workers involved in disputes which continued from the previous month.

TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

Period	Mining		Manufacturing		Construction	Transport and storage; Communication	Other industries (a)	All industries
	Coal	Other	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Other				
1983	122.8	194.7	157.6	120.7	337.2	213.6	494.8	1,641.4
1984	131.1	193.2	144.8	249.3	116.3	150.6	322.1	1,307.4
1985	233.6	106.3	107.3	189.4	175.3	179.7	263.7	1,255.2
Twelve months ended—								
January 1984	126.3	189.9	155.6	134.3	325.7	145.3	494.4	1,572.2
1985	128.7	190.9	144.5	239.6	123.6	173.6	331.6	1,332.4
1986	232.7	102.6	107.2	183.8	171.7	157.3	253.3	1,208.7
1985—								
February	102.8	13.1	18.2	14.9	6.0	8.0	34.1	187.3
March	26.5	4.2	12.7	5.9	8.9	8.6	17.7	84.5
April	1.0	2.5	3.5	13.1	7.8	5.5	13.2	46.4
May	9.3	3.7	24.4	19.5	33.3	3.2	5.1	98.4
June	11.5	2.5	3.3	6.9	14.1	1.2	17.8	57.3
July	6.3	11.7	6.0	31.0	22.4	16.3	15.9	109.8
August	6.9	16.7	10.5	50.0	19.9	18.6	13.7	136.3
September	25.6	6.8	13.3	11.9	31.4	4.5	9.8	103.3
October	160.0	4.3	4.6	21.6	10.0	27.1	100.5	184.2
November	7.1	32.9	5.6	14.9	10.3	56.9	14.1	141.7
December	18.4	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.3	4.9	8.7	44.8
1986—								
January	1.5	1.0	1.7	1.3	4.3	2.5	2.6	14.9

(a) ASIC divisions A, D, F, I to L.

TABLE 3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
1983	801.2	257.7	135.0	87.7	270.6	67.8	1,641.4
1984	660.6	187.5	236.5	25.5	119.2	50.5	1,307.4
1985	397.8	355.8	336.2	22.5	92.9	20.6	1,255.2
Twelve months ended—							
January 1984	742.1	255.9	128.8	88.9	265.5	68.3	1,572.2
1985	676.9	194.9	237.5	25.1	121.6	49.9	1,332.4
1986	364.8	348.1	333.7	22.2	89.8	21.4	1,208.7
1985—							
February	38.5	11.2	133.2	0.4	3.0	0.7	187.3
March	38.6	14.4	20.9	3.1	6.7	0.6	84.5
April	17.6	11.2	5.0	1.1	9.4	1.2	46.4
May	29.8	26.7	25.9	1.3	10.0	3.6	98.4
June	26.5	22.5	0.7	1.1	3.5	0.5	57.3
July	34.5	37.4	11.6	2.4	13.2	5.4	109.8
August	41.9	21.4	46.6	4.2	13.3	4.6	136.3
September	35.8	7.7	48.2	2.4	6.3	0.6	103.3
October	143.5	119.8	7.7	13.0	7.7	1.3	184.2
November	29.6	64.3	29.3	0.9	11.8	0.8	141.7
December	22.7	6.9	3.7	1.7	3.2	1.4	44.8
1986—							
January	5.7	4.7	1.0	0.7	1.7	0.8	14.9

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

**CHART 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1985 AND 1986**

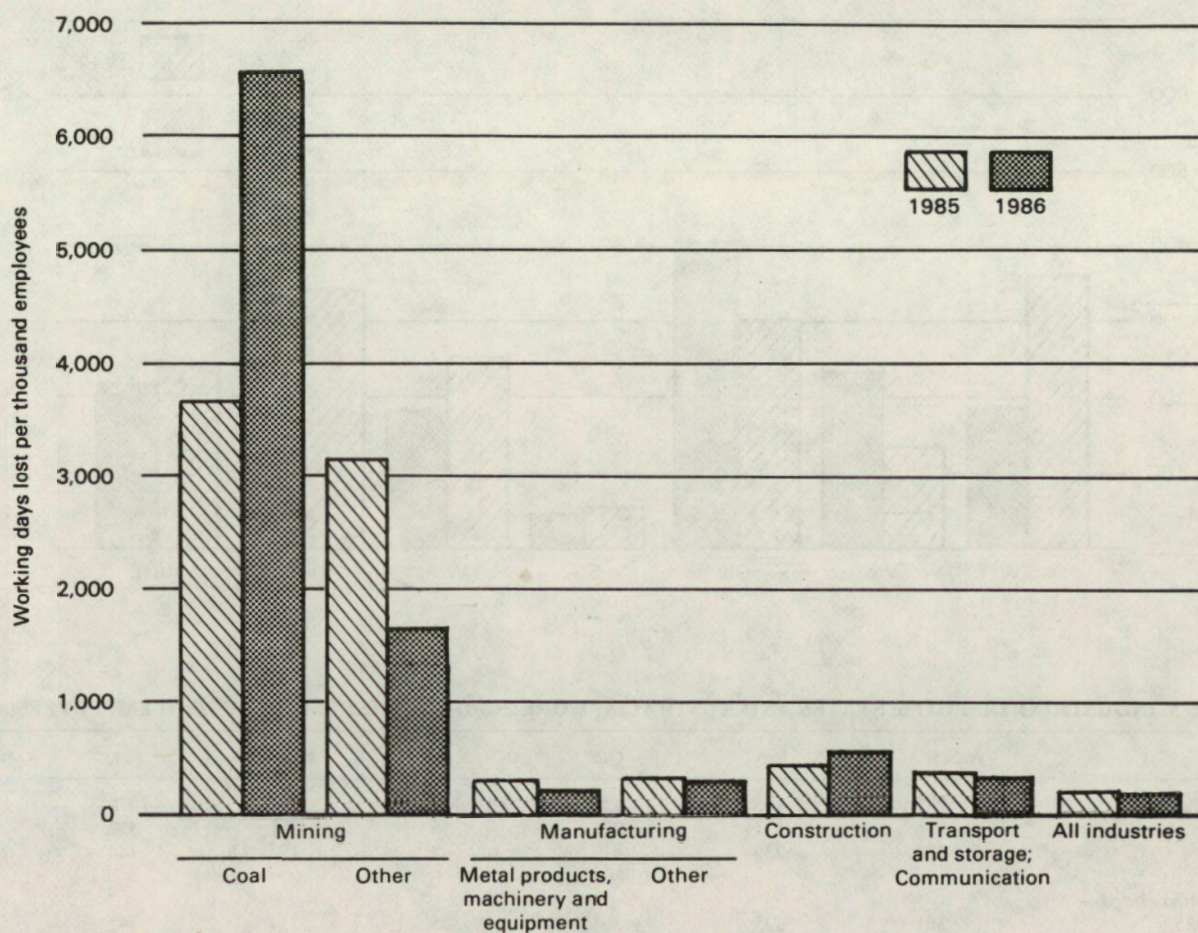


TABLE 4. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES (a)

Period	Mining		Manufacturing		Construc- tion	Transport and storage; Communi- cation	Other industries	All industries
	Coal	Other	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Other				
1983	3,223	3,375	353	186	1,269	485	42	249
1984	3,543	3,286	327	387	427	346	94	246
1985	6,732	1,723	242	296	580	402	75	230
Twelve months ended—								
January 1985	3,668	3,182	325	372	440	397	96	249
1986	6,575	1,610	242	288	563	350	71	220

(a) Excludes agriculture, etc. and private households employing staff.

CHART 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATES AND AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES, TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 1985 AND 1986

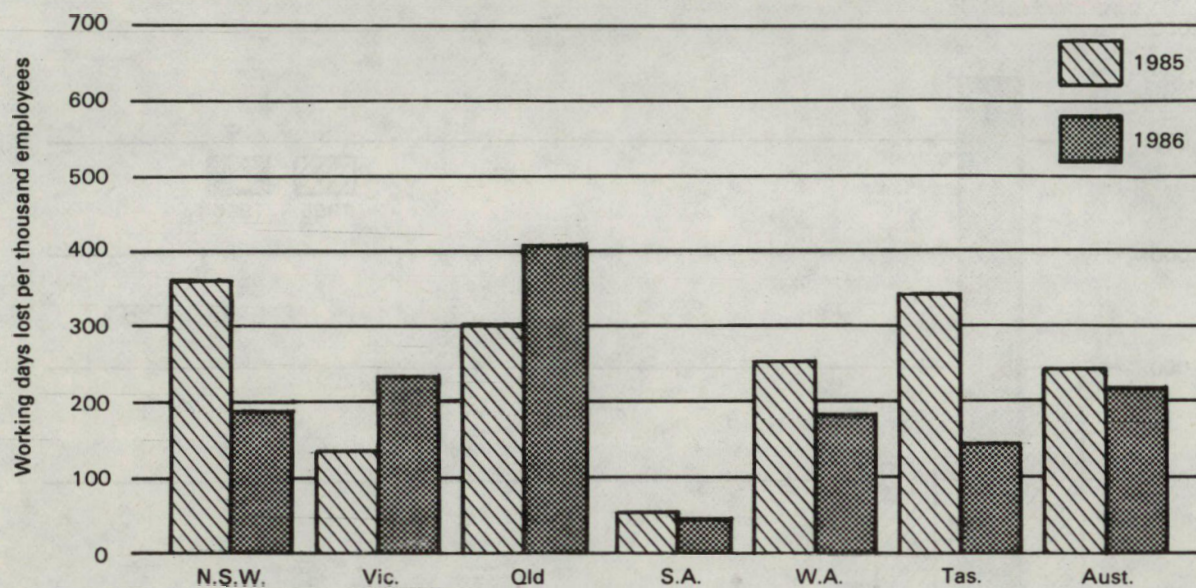


TABLE 5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATES AND AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES(a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
1983	287	163	176	115	577	478	249
1984	355	131	301	56	251	352	246
1985	208	239	417	48	190	144	230
<i>Twelve months ended—</i>							
January 1985	361	135	301	55	254	345	249
1986	190	233	408	47	181	149	220

(a) Excludes agriculture, etc. and private households employing staff. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.